Government considers only those proposals for diversion of forest land under this Act which are recommended by the State/UT Governments.

Appointment of Public prosecutor for pending wildlife cases

1328. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 cases registered under Wildlife (Protection) Act are pending in courts in the Capital and there are no public prosecutors to handle those cases;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the public prosecutors are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) As per report received from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, 172 wildlife cases are pending trial in designated Wildlife Courts in the capital. An Additional Public Prosecutor for the State has been provided by the Directorate of Prosecution, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to handle the cases.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Poaching of black bucks

†1329. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether poaching of black bucks in the forest area of Jhajjhar in Haryana has become common feature; if so, the number of incidents of poaching during the last three years and the number of bucks killed;

(b) the number of persons arrested red-handed for poaching of black bucks in Jhajjhar area and the action taken against them; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.